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Expensive Defence Plan

Canberra, June 3.
Authoritative sources said today that the Cabinet has approved a £250,000,000 five-year defence plan, including extensive appropriations for rocket and atomic research.
The Australian Flinders mountain range was selected as the Empire test rocket range and is expected to begin there, perhaps, in the coming spring. An unnamed British rocket expert was due to leave England shortly to assume technical direction of the project.
The British nuclear scientist, Prof. Marcus L. E. Oliphant, in a visit to Australia, has been visiting Australian thorium and uranium deposits several months ago and found them extensive and of good concentration, but there was no announced intention of atomic research at that time.—United Press.

Slaughter Of British Champion

Dismal Boxing Display

Harringay Arena, London, June 3.

Away went the British light-heavyweight champion's, Freddie Mills, ambitions to the world title when he was knocked out by the coloured Californian, 31-year-old Lloyd Marshall, in the fifth round of a scheduled ten round contest here tonight.

Ten thousand shirt-sleeved fans and John Lewis, manager of the Derby favourite, Lord Listowel, saw the British boxer battered and almost unconscious by a man not ranked in the first ten in the United States.
Mills put up an inglorious display and cheers for the defeated idol were mingled with occasional boos.
Mills looked punch-drunk after a tremendous left hook to the jaw in the first minute of the fight. He looked like a man completely out and was too often asked to call on his last reserve to avoid a cruel punishment. Indeed, he appeared not to have been hit when he went down for the count of eight at the beginning of the third round. Twice more in that round he went down for counts of five and two, only to recover miraculously.

OUT FOR THE COUNT
In the next round the fourth, Mills with blood trickling from cut under both eyes, continued to trade punches, but he was tiring visibly and was glad when the end of the round came.

Thus, it was no surprise when in the next round a vigorous right to the jaw put him down for the count. A second victory went to the United States when Berry, sparring partner of Marshall, knocked out the British welterweight, Arthur Dakanah, in the second round of a scheduled eight round contest.
Mills had a reputation of weight advantage over Marshall. At the weights Mills scaled 12 stone eight and a quarter pounds, and Marshall, who had a height advantage of over an inch, weighed 11 stone twelve and a quarter.—Reuter.

CHURCHILL SUPPORTS INDIA PLAN

NEHRU'S APPEAL

Urges Moderation

New Delhi, June 3.
Announcing the Congress acceptance of the British plan for the transfer of power, fifty-eight year old slightly built Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Vice-President of the Interim Indian Government, appealed for moderation in the future, in a broadcast this evening to the Indian people.

"Let us bury the past and forget all the bitterness and recrimination," Mr. Nehru urged. "We are with joy in my heart that I recommend these proposals. But I am convinced that our present decision is a right one."

Speaking next for the Muslim League, Mr. Ali Jinnah, 71 year old lawyer and president of the Muslim group, also emphasized the importance of a peaceful transfer of power.

"I appeal to every community in India, especially Muslims, to maintain peace and harmony," he said. Mr. Baldev Singh, Defence Minister in the Interim Government, followed Mr. Jinnah to the microphone and said: "It is a great day. The occasion is historic. We have elected a democratic government."

The British plan, he added, steered a course obviously above conflicting Indian claims and though it did not please the Sikh community "it is certainly something worthwhile."

It was announced here today that the All-India Congress Committee has been summoned to meet in New Delhi on June 14 and 15. The Congress Working Committee met today.—Reuter.

ONLY ALTERNATIVE

London, June 3.
The Secretary of State for India, Lord Listowel, held a press conference tonight to announce the only alternative to force as a means of settling the differences of the Indian people.

Sitting in his shirt sleeves in the lofty India Office reception room, Lord Listowel repeatedly wiped perspiration from his brow as he gave Indian and Empire newspapermen his personal interpretation of the Government's new plan for India.

With the thermometer at the India Office beyond 80 Fahrenheit, Lord Listowel said: "It is a compromise and is therefore not entirely satisfactory to either party. It is a compromise between two preconditions of her journey to self-government she carries with her the heartfelt good wishes of the British people and the firm hope that she may be spared from the suffering of communal strife."

Lord Listowel said that there was a possibility that Hindus and Pakistan might agree on the choice of an individual to act as Governor-General. If they did not, then two Governors-General might be appointed.

The advantages of partition will be realized more clearly after partition has taken place," he continued. "History takes many precedents of separate countries with common frontiers living in perfect harmony." He cited as a perfect example the case of the United States and Canada.—Reuter.

Commons Reacts To Announcement

London, June 3.

India will have Dominion status this year, the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, told a cheering House of Commons today. She may leave the British Commonwealth later if she wishes, the Prime Minister added.

Mr. Attlee outlined the detailed plan by which the question of Pakistan will be decided by India herself, an area by area plan, which he said has been favourably received by Congress, the Muslim League and Sikh leaders. On their decision will depend whether the immediate transfer of power will be to one or two successor authorities.

Reuter's Political Correspondent learned today that the Government expect to introduce the necessary legislation to transform India into two self-governing dominions within eight weeks. Two Governor-Generals, one for Hindustan and one for Muslim Pakistan will be necessary, it is believed.

The Prime Minister's dramatic announcement came fifteen weeks after the declaration that India would gain her independence not later than June next year and only ten weeks after Lord Mountbatten's arrival in New Delhi as Britain's last Viceroy.

The first main point of the British plan is that the present Constituent Assembly will carry on its work but that constitution it frames "cannot apply to those parts of the country unwilling to accept it." The rest of the plan is a detailed procedure for finding out whether the provinces claimed by the Muslims for Pakistan are willing to accept that constitution.

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Plan For Provinces

This is how the plan applies to other disputed provinces: The Sind and Baluchistan provinces will hold a special meeting to make its own decision on joining the present or new Constituent Assembly.

The Northwest Frontier Province: If all or part of the Punjab opt in the favour of a new assembly, a referendum will be made to the electors of the present Legislative Assembly in the Northwest.

Baluchistan: The Governor-General is now examining how this province can best be given an opportunity to decide its position. Assam: Bengal is partitioned, a referendum will be held in the neighbouring Sylhet district of Assam under the regis of the Governor-General to decide whether it will join from part of Assam or of Eastern Bengal.

The Prime Minister emphasised that the plan refers only to the British India policy towards the states remaining, one of the separate negotiations as announced in May last year.

Mr. Winston Churchill, opposition leader, said: "It is of course impossible for the House to weigh in and measure the full meaning of the most important statement which has just been made to us by the Prime Minister. I am bound to say that it seemed very difficult to understand but the White Paper will have to be studied with attention and will probably carry the largest measure of truth to those who are best informed."

"No doubt we shall debate at a suitable moment on this question but at the moment I am not asking for any particular date to be fixed. I am bound to say, however, that at this moment it appears that two conditions, foreseen at the time of the Appointments Commission, namely, an agreement between the Indian parties and, secondly, the period of Dominion status in which India or any part of it may freely decide whether to remain within the association of the commission which was set up under my administration, would seem to have been fulfilled by this proposal."

Mr. Churchill continued: "If it should prove to be the case that these two conditions have been maintained in fact and in form, I say that all parties in this House are equally pledged by the offers and declarations which we have made."

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U.S. Officers Decorated By British Ambassador

Nanking, June 3.

Two United States military officers today received decorations from the hands of the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, representing the British Embassy.

Captain J. M. Creighton, United States Navy, was conferred with the Order of the British Empire in recognition of his meritorious war-time liaison work in Bermuda and Washington.

Colonel V. D. Leinhing, of the United States Army Air Force, received the Distinguished Flying Cross for services in the Anglo-American forces in Burma.

Sir Ralph Stevenson presented the medals after reading the citations. Among those present were the United States Ambassador, Mr. J. Leighton Stuart, Brigadier General Robert H. Soules, United States military attache, and Rear Admiral Stuart Murray, United States naval attache.—Reuter.

PALESTINE INQUIRY BOYCOTT LIKELY

Hostile Arab Attitude

Cairo, June 3.

Emil Ghoury, Secretary of the Palestine Arab delegation to the United Nations, told a press conference today that his delegation had recommended to the Palestine Arab Higher Committee that it boycott the UNO inquiry committee on Palestine on the grounds that the inquiry committee was partial.

Mr. Ghoury said the Higher Committee would meet in Cairo on Thursday to debate the recommendations. If, as expected, it favoured boycott, the Committee in turn would recommend that the Arab states do not co-operate with the inquiry, he said.

He outlined his delegation's report to the Committee. "It said the delegation had noted that practically the whole American press and especially the New York press had indulged in 'vicious propaganda' behind which we could see the influence of the Zionists and the Jewish Agency."

"We also saw that the United Nations Assembly, which we had hoped would be based on justice and a genuine desire to right wrongs, was tainted by Zionist influence and dominated by the American press and the Jewish Agency which directed the policies of the majority of the 55 countries represented."—United Press.

INVITATIONS SENT OUT

Lake Success, June 3.
The United Nations Palestine Commission, in one of its first major decisions following the organisation meeting on Monday, invited the British government and the Arab Higher Committee for Palestine and the Jewish Agency to assign liaison officers to the 11-nation board of inquiry.

The invitation was extended after deciding to limit the liaison officers' power to an advisory capacity. No representatives of the three groups will be allowed to attend either the committee's deliberations or its closed sessions.

A.V. ALEXANDER FOR PEERAGE?

London, June 3.

Rumours prevailed today that the Defence Minister, Mr. A. V. Alexander, would be raised to the House of Lords, possibly in the King's Birthday Honours list later this month, as part of another Cabinet reshuffle.

The Communist Daily Worker said Mr. Alexander's divisional Labour Party in Sheffield had been asked to find another candidate to stand in the by-election. The Labour Party headquarters spokesmen denied that a search for another candidate had begun, but said he could not confirm or deny that Mr. Alexander was being considered for the Peerage.

The Evening News said Mr. Alexander would be sent to the Lords to carry out "other duties". It suggested that the Fuel Minister, Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell, also might be given another job, possibly that of Colonial Secretary.

No successor was mentioned for Mr. Alexander, but the News said Mr. Hugh G. Galiskell, Parliamentary Secretary to the Fuel Ministry, might succeed Mr. Shinwell.

The News said a reshuffle could be expected during the Parliamentary summer recess. Mr. Alexander has been out of the House of Commons since the end of the war, in connection with Government's surprise decision to reduce the period of peacetime conscription from 18 months to 12, while Mr. Shinwell has been attacked for his handling of last winter's fuel crisis.—United Press.

RAMADIER ACCUSES COMMOS

Strike Situation In Franco Worsens

Paris, June 3.

Premier Paul Ramadier today accused the French Communist Party of opening industrial warfare against the Government by encouraging the series of spreading workers' strikes.

In an impassioned speech at the National Assembly, M. Ramadier said the Communists would never have tolerated strikes if they had been in power. "Who profits when a strike hits nationalised industry?"

At the Premier spoke, Paris bakery workers announced they had failed to obtain final agreement in the new negotiations on their demands for a 1,000-francs per month production bonus and that the 48-hour protest strike would be carried on for at least another day. The bakers' strike plunged Paris into a desperate bread shortage, forcing housewives to line up at dawn to obtain their reduced ration of five ounces of bread daily. The police were called out to protect bakeries if needed.

M. Ramadier charged that the series of strikes was spreading "as though directed by some underground leader". Speaking direct to the Communist side of the Assembly, the Premier asked: "Who profits when a strike hits nationalised industry?"

He added: "Those who criticise us are either in the grip of passion or they want political disaster, to which they attach just what importance I don't know. But you, Communists, were in power. You would not tolerate these strikes. Everywhere there is a kind of assault against the authority of this state."

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NINE BURIED ALIVE

Berlin, June 3.

Eight women and one man were missing today, believed to have been buried alive when a bomb-shattered building which had housed the former Nazi Ministry of Economics collapsed.

Two other women were pulled from the debris and one of them died en route to hospital.

There was little hope that any of the missing would be found alive. The building, caved in today Monday, was being cleared by volunteers cleaning up the debris as a means of getting a higher ration card. Workers in Berlin who perform such hard labour tasks get a better food ration.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Handing Over India

FOR at least the fifth time the history of India is about to be diverted. The Portuguese, Dutch, French and British in turn have guided—and possibly at times mis-guided—its destinies until today when it has been decided to hand the country back to its own people. The great Raj is to be no more. Communalism, and financially speaking, it has lost its influence; socially and politically it has been engaged in a losing fight for many years. The final surrender could have been a painful experience, instead, it stands as an achievement. Britain, after an India she has helped to make into a first class nation, the mistakes of the past have been obliterated by the magnanimity and high statesmanship of the present Government. Britain hands over India not with tears of sadness, but with genuine good wishes for its future greatness, ready at any time to render help if any is required. Only the declared reluctance will complicate about the way the India situation has been handled. Every opportunity has been given to all interests to reach

decisions that will enable the Indians effectively to take over the management of their own affairs. Britain's guiding principle in arriving at a solution to the complex problem has been compromise. As a ruler she has adopted the attitude of an arbitrator, not a dictator, constantly striving to bring to a happy compromise two pre-dominant, but diametrically opposed groups. Britain's final gesture is also that of a compromise—temporary dominion status for Pakistan and Hindustan which will give both Muslims and Hindus time to reach a working agreement. The plan contains no obligation on India to remain within the British Commonwealth should she so desire. The acceptance by Indian leaders of the British plan of procedure for handing over the country encourages the hope that long he able to realize their differences and as bring India under a stable and progressive Government. It has been noted before, and it can be repeated, that the future of India now rests with the people and their leaders.

"I gather that is the foundation. Nevertheless, should all these parties after a reasonable period of deliberation and responsibility decide to remain in the British Commonwealth of Nations the theme of unity of India will be preserved and many nations and states of India will find their unity within the mysterious circle of the British Crown, just in the same way as the self-governing dominions have done for so many years after all other links with the mother country, save those of sentiment, have been dissolved."

"It may therefore be through a form of partition that the unity of India may none the less be preserved in respect of matters vital to the whole of the vast populations."

"Finally, we must ask ourselves at this early moment whether after matters had proceeded thus far—and my opinions about that are well known—whether any better way can be found of saving India from the blood-bath that may seem so near."

"I cannot doubt that at first sight and subject to unknown factors working out in a favourable manner, it would seem that a settlement on these lines may offer to India some prospect of escape from one of the most hideous calamities that have ever ravaged the vast expanse of Asia."

"Naturally, we cannot form an opinion upon the outlines and complicated details that have been given nor can we form a decided opinion

without knowing what will be the correspondence of actual facts with what is hoped for from them by the Government, Viceroy and others responsible for India.

Edrich Saves Middlesex From Defeat

London, June 3.

The match between Middlesex and the South Africans ended in a draw at Lords today after a day of interesting and exciting cricket.

The final scores were South Africans 424 and 217; Middlesex 316 for eight declared and 226 for six.

There was a sudden collapse in the South Africans' second innings when play was resumed today, and the 42-year-old bowler, Jim Sims, performed the hat-trick for Middlesex.

Today, however, Harris came to the tourists' rescue with a brilliant 76, his highest score of the tour. He batted 65 minutes and 60 of his runs came from boundary strokes—two sixes and 12 fours.

Edrich, undisturbedly saved the match for Middlesex who required 326 runs for victory in three hours 50 minutes. Their wickets began to fall at regular intervals, but Edrich played a faultless innings of 138 not out. This was his fourth century of the season and he batted three hours and 15 minutes, hitting 10 fours. He was never in trouble and when he played an attacking stroke he hit with great force, his

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Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

THE following letter is intended for birds and animals only and need not be read by any other creature.

Dear Big and Little Sirs,

As the only columnist in the world to be read by birds and animals and to enjoy the unique privilege of publishing their letters, I consider it my duty to offer some explanation and apologies for the behaviour of my own species in these difficult and bewildering times.

If you read anything apart from *Sitting on the Fence*, you may have noticed a small paragraph in one of the papers which stated that a man had calculated how many hundreds of miles Hammond had covered between wickets in what was called "a lifetime of record run-getting."

Hammond is a cricketer, if you know what that means.

While people are doing such wicked things this may seem a harmless occupation. But when you consider what is happening in the world, and what is likely to happen, it seems a very odd thing to do.

Nero may have fiddled while Rome burned, but what do you think of a man who adds up the number of miles a cricketer has run when the entire world may burn?

I have mentioned this because it seems typical of the escapist behaviour of the human species during what H. D. Wells believed to be its last days.

It must be difficult for you gentlemen, big and little, to understand this. I believe that if you mob your own species it is either because they have stolen your food or because they are sick and you wish to make a merciful end of them. At least you have reasons for doing it.

I can offer no reason for the behaviour of the mob at the cinema. Mr Paul Holt says it was because "they seek to destroy success in revenge for their own dull lives."

As he has been a student of films and cinema audiences for some years, I will take his word for it.

That is why, with the nations snarling at each other, you find members of Parliament arguing warmly about the most trivial things (such as cheese), as if nothing whatever had happened and as if some overnight miracle might swing us back to pre-revolution days.

For myself, I prefer British revolutions to the foreign kind. They are so much more comfortable, almost jolly, shall we say?

At the cinema

ANOTHER thing you may have noticed is the strange behaviour of human beings (mainly women, I am glad to say) when members of their species who have distinguished themselves as actors or actresses dare to show themselves in public.

You might have thought that anybody who earns distinction in any of the arts, or in anything else, by his skill, perseverance and devotion to his work, would automatically earn the respect of his fellows.

But what happens? Recently a crowd of 5,000 screaming hooligans mobbed a distinguished film actor and his wife at a cinema, blacking his eye and tearing her hair.

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Truman's Handshake Technique

U.S. President Truman, chalking up his 7,000th handshake at White House receptions since Christmas, survives smilingly because of a "secret technique" perfected to avoid knuckle-crushers. Formula is a quick grab before his guest has time to get in first, then a squeeze of the whole hand reduced to a "sponge" inside the presidential palm. Estimates say he can still make them wince after 1,500 immediate predecessors—fostering the illusion of indestructibility and a glowing impression of firm friendliness, as one paper puts it.

MARKET: Potential audience for Far East radio is 650,000,000 people (roughly one-third of the world's population). But, says JOHN MORRIS, B.B.C. Far Eastern Service Director, "among this vast potential audience there are at present not more than half a million listening sets"—only half that of Scotland.

PETS: Britain is losing first place as animal-loving country, warns new R.S.P.C.A. war history, "Animals Were There" (Hutchinson). "Sweden Switzerland and Norway now have better animal protection laws than those on the Statute-book at Westminster."

SECRET: Greek cinema proprietor, Mr PAPADOPOULOS, seeing England for first time says: "Queues to see films my people would whistle off the screen?... You English are like sheep. But perhaps that is the secret of your political stability."

DEAD? Seen in an antique shop: One highly exclusive Whatnot, its label, "Genuine Queen Anne, 175 guineas," flanked by a satellite ticket ingeniously announcing, in compliance with price control regulations "SECONDHAND."

DEPOSIT: After 50 years of hiring clothes to men, You-know-who, of Covent Garden, now hires them out to women. "Anything from a bridal outfit to a bathing wrap," at 30s. to 50s. for a day or evening dress, up to eight guineas for classy wedding outfits. Says manageress Miss LAURIE GILES (31): "Almost the first thing our customers say is 'Have you anything glamorous?'"

IRONY: Powell-Duffryn Company, which produced and sold 20,000 tons of coal a year, is now assembling a team of fuel efficiency experts. Their new task: To investigate how little coal Britain can work on. Mr W. L. BOON, who heads the team, thinks our present industrial consumption of 100,000,000 tons a year could be cut to 60,000,000 by full-scale attack on waste and old-fashioned methods.

FASHION: Dress advice to TOMMY HANDELY: "Don't wear an obviously striped shirt with an obviously striped suit, it gives you that 'tiger first look'." Colonel CHINSTRAP (Jack Train): "Were it not for creases in his tie, the Colonel would be a proper dandy," to ERIC BARKER. "Mr Handley's suit is certainly better looking than Mr Barker's." Who gives this advice? The Tailor and Cutter magazine.

DEGREE: A cotton mill in Stalybridge, Cheshire, refused to restart work during the fuel crisis because the temperature in the mill was 69 degrees instead of minimum 60 degrees agreed between unions and employer.

BATONS: More than 60 American generals (including retired officers) began as privates, say imaginative U.S. Army recruiting advertisements. War Office comparison: "It would take too long to look up retired officers. But on the present list we have eight generals who rose from the ranks."

These are just a few aspects of human behaviour in 1947. There are many others which we won't go into now.

In the madhouse

WHAT do you make of it all? Do you think that "in our last days" we are just a lot of poor madmen, beating at the bars of our madhouse trying to get out, or playing silly little games like counting up the miles a cricketer has run, or staring with our idiots' eyes at the more fortunate inmates of the asylum and rushing upon them to destroy them in our mad jealousy?

If, as sensible birds and animals, you think this, you can hardly be blamed for it.

At one time, in civilised countries, mad people were locked up and sane people went free. In Germany, when Hitler took over, all the mad people got free and locked up the sane people.

It may be that everybody in the world is mad now, so it doesn't matter if we are locked up or not. As a matter of fact, we have been locked up for thousands of years.

Our bars have not been made of iron. They have been made of taboos. You mustn't do this, you mustn't do that. You ought to do this, you ought to do that. I don't know what people will think of you if you do that. I don't know what people will think of you if you don't do this.

Whereas you don't care what anybody thinks. So long as we madmen leave you alone you are perfectly happy.

You mate and you are merry in your mating, without going to law about it. Nature provides everything for you and would for us if we would let her.

Nobody can talk rubbish to you because you don't understand, unless you are an "almost human" dog, poor thing.

Nobody can argue with you about politics or religion, knowing nothing about either.

Nobody can say "Thou shalt not steal." In your world there is nothing to steal. The world is yours.

It is only when we capture you and make slaves of you that you share our misery, like some of you poor gentlemen who are ridden by madmen in the Grand National and break your backs while thousands of other madmen cheer.

Saint Francis of Assisi called you all his brothers. It seems a pity that those who have followed his other teachings have forgotten that one.

At the golden gate

YOU may have noticed that some of us are not miserable at all. This is because, like all lunatics, we are capable of self-delusion.

Tell us a fairy story and we are with you. Tell us facts and we are not.

It is possible to make us believe anything about ourselves—that is, anything that is good. We even believe that we have intelligence and you have not. You might well ask why.

Therefore, it is easy to make us believe that we are wonderful enough to be immortal.

You don't bother about such things. Your heaven is here. But we, who have been so long in darkness, must be forgiven if we look forward to the light, when the doors of the madhouse are flung open and we are free.

I know nothing about these matters (who doesn't), but, being mad like the rest, I am willing to believe anything, if it's a pleasant thing to believe.

All I ask without wishing to start a controversy or cause offence, is this:

If there is another life, is everybody included in the scheme? I am thinking particularly of the people who stored the cinema.

And, if so, why?

In the jungle

IF any lions or tigers are reading this, I would like to assure you gentlemen that when we are gone (if we ever do go) I believe you will make a better job as lords of the jungle than we have done.

I believe that your rule will be saner, more just, and (to use an odd word on this occasion) more humane.

At least you will never kill any living creature for no reason at all, as we do. You will never impose taboos for the sake of imposing taboos, without giving good practical explanations for them. You are not clever like us. Therefore you will be more sensible.

And if the little gentleman who is singing so beautifully in my garden should read this, may I tell him how much he is envied by us all, even the maddest of us? And may he have a happy spring and summer with his pretty little wife.

I remain,
Big and Little Sirs,
Yours faithfully,
N. Gubbins.

POCKET CARTOON



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

MY mind reverts to the octopus in the Neapolitan aquarium, and I remember a scene at the Old Bedford Music Hall.

A man in diving costume got into a tank where there was an octopus, and induced the beast to dance in time to the music of the orchestra. Then arose an official of the Society for the Prevention of Annoyance to Fish and shouted, "That animal must have been trained on hot bricks." "What's the use of hot bricks in a tank of cold water?" retorted the trainer. "You're thinking of dogs," "Hounds, please," cried a hunting man who had just come in from the bar, "and let me tell you these damned farmers would shoot them all as soon as look at them." "That's right," said the trainer. "Octopuses love dancing and it's the only way to keep up the law." At that point the curtain was rung down.

Egg Jam

PLEADING that the jammed instrument had an egg in shell wedged in it, Robert Moffey, of Coke House, Lowestoft, howled with laughter when (continued on page 4, col. 3)

Ugh!

"THERE have been complaints," says a leading article, "of watery solutions of gelatine, with an unbecomable odour, and worth, at the most, twopenny." And not only that. There have been complaints that dirty old bootlaces are being sold as liquorice, at nine and six-pence a foot, in the lower end of Mallin-street, where the smell is worse than that of the Borkenara tart which killed all the birds between Calatayud and Zafon. Get the Balderdash Board on to it.

Who can blame him?

"HE was really such a very pretty violinist that I found myself conducting solely for her. Even when the violins were silent, I still directed my baton to her—attention, standing half-turned, so as to face her. And it seemed natural and a mere courtesy, to use my left hand to blow her a kiss when she resumed her playing. I noticed that she blushed, and there were murmurs from the rest of the orchestra, but I was beyond caring. I remember that something drew me towards her during the fourth movement and I found myself pushing her neighbour out of his seat, and sitting down beside her. Some of the audience hissed. Others laughed and applauded. But I was never asked to conduct in Salzburg again."

(From "My Musical Life," by Enrico Tulpico.)

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Across

1. Hostility to arts or literature. (8)
2. By no means a young time. (4)
3. This wife is a dabbler. (8)
4. Slopes. (6)
5. Taken from a meeting book. (8)
6. Trend. (3)
7. Found in metal clips. (4)
8. Sunday or cloudy day. (4)
9. Necessary to Mrs. Spratts' husband. (4)

Down

1. And 23. By Abraham you see a brave legend. (6, 6)
2. So good I (7)
3. Do a credit this way. (9)
4. Complete lapse. (3)
5. You get more than a slight taste in a role, and a peep-sock. (5)
6. Angered. (7)
7. Exterminator. (8)
8. A role, and a peep-sock. (5)
9. How you may have a room not far from the French Army. (6)
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For Stiff Joints. Two tablespoonfuls of wintergreen, two tablespoonfuls of oil of sassafras, four tablespoonfuls of camphorated oil, one-half pint of witch hazel.

Powder Base. Eight ounces of witch hazel, one-half teaspoon of glycerine, one-half teaspoon Boric Acid. Mix well.

Astringent Pack. Into two heaping teaspoonfuls of kaolin, pour enough witch hazel to make a paste the consistency of whipped cream. Spread over the face and neck and allow to dry. Remove with warm water, then splash with chilled witch hazel.

For Enlarged Pores. Mix one teaspoonful of boric acid and one ounce of witch hazel.

Skin Softener. One pint of witch hazel, one teaspoonful of boric acid. Add powdered milk sufficient to make a paste.

Fullers Earth Egg Pack. This pack is good for all skin conditions, other than a blemished skin. Mix ingredients thoroughly and apply the mixture to your face. Allow to remain on the face for ten minutes, then remove with cool water. One

egg, well beaten; one-half cup of fullers earth, five drops tincture of benzoin and one ounce orange flower water.

Dracal for Sallow Skin. One tablespoonful almond meal, two tablespoonfuls of strong peroxide, two tablespoonfuls ripe lemon juice, four tablespoonfuls orange flower water, ten drops tincture of benzoin. Mix all ingredients together well or have your druggist mix them for you. Spread quickly over face and neck (and arms if you wish) and leave on for 15 minutes. Use only once a week, not oftener. Remove with warm water, then douse your face in cold water.

DRAPE MAKES IT TWO-WAY DRESS



A two-way dress that does for cocktails or dinner. Virginia has sketched this pale blue frock from the Robert Frenant collection. Its detachable back is softened by a cowl. And a detachable drape of the same material, fastening above the hip and falling away diagonally to the other side, converts the short frock into a full-length dinner dress.

Minute Makeups 4, GABRIELLE



The loveliest thing in hats is the Hyacinth idea—a tiny roller, tipped and topped with a single sprig of Hyacinth and you sprayed with Hyacinth perfume. It all goes to your head!

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Were all my folks nice people? I wish there was a pirate or horse thief in the family so I could tell the kids about 'em!"

Welsh Newsletter

MINERS ARE PROUD OF THEIR BRASS BAND

By J. C. Griffith Jones

The miners of Parc and Dare collieries (Cwmparc, Rhondda) are proud of their brass band. It is over 50 years since the band was first formed, and in that period it has blown itself to fame not only in Wales but beyond the Border as well. For the second year in succession these miner-musicians have won the top-class championship in the Welsh national brass bands' contest.

At Cardiff recently they won by a comfortable margin of 10 points, gaining 190 out of a possible 200 against all their keenest rivals, including their oldest challengers Gwaun-ae-Gurwen.

Jap Women Prefer Tall Men

Allied occupation has given the Japanese a new constitution promising a free way of life—and a longing for tall husbands and wives, according to a correspondent of the American Army newspaper, Star and Stripes.

He says that towering six-foot Allied soldiers have made the Japanese discontented with any old five-by-five male or female.

This yearning for human skyscrapers has complicated the job of Mrs. Noto Sato, of the National Marriage Consultation Bureau in Tokyo, whose job is to select scientifically suitable mates for matrimonially-bent Japanese men and women.

The 42-year-old marriage expert, who has successfully matched over 160 couples during the past four years, reports that the Japanese male has added other specifications beside stature in his search for a wife.

Want Nice Figures

"During the war, men were seeking younger women with beautiful faces," declared Mrs. Sato. "Today, they ask for older women who have nice figures and who know how to dress well. They need not have facial beauty."

Japanese men also react favourably to women who have some kind of housing experience and are still "gentle and quiet." On the other hand, nuptially-minded Japanese damsels have not changed their taste much except that they desire taller husbands.

The Marriage Consultation Bureau, under the Japanese Welfare Ministry, is without British or American counterpart. Lonely males and females apply for life-time companions as simply as an average Westerner applies for the purchase of a new radio on the instalment plan, adds the Star and Stripes correspondent.—Reuter.

MESSERSCHMITT MAY WORK IN UNITED STATES

Willy Messerschmitt, Germany's top plane designer, hopes to go to the United States soon to work on planes propelled by atomic energy.

Messerschmitt, who received an invitation from Americans about two months ago, is awaiting now for more details of the offer. "If I am allowed to work independently I will most certainly accept," he said.

He thinks it is highly possible to propel planes by atomic energy by storing the energy in batteries. He said some research along such lines had been done in Germany, and that he would like to help to make it practical.

Before he can go, however, Messerschmitt would have to be exonerated by a German denazification court before which he is awaiting trial on a charge of joining the Nazi Party in 1939.

Thought It Was Silly

Forty-nine-year-old Messerschmitt, who developed jet-propelled planes for the Luftwaffe before the Allies began producing them, recalled with a chuckle that he had a hard time selling the idea to the Nazis.

"I completed research on jet propulsion about 1939 and in 1941 had one model plane ready," he said. "Field Marshal Erhard Milch, Chief of German aircraft production, thought it was silly. He told me: 'Such a plane is much too slow working on such a non-sense and produce all the fighters you can. Do you know we are fighting a war?'"

"But I continued working on them and in 1943 finally managed to sell Milch on the idea. By that time it was too late to do much good."

Messerschmitt said he produced about 800 jet-propelled planes, which were used against Allied bombers in 1944, but many were destroyed by bombs before they ever got into the air.—United Press.

Next November, Wales will be represented in the all-British bands' final contest at the Albert Hall, London, by Parc and Dare, and the Welsh runners-up, Melin-griffith Works (Cardiff).

Hundreds of supporters came to cheer the Rhondda men to victory. Every worker in the three Cwmparc pits voluntarily subscribes a half-penny a week towards buying the bandmen's uniforms, music sheets, and paying band expenses. Haydn Bebb, the bandmaster for 18 years, was third cornet player in the band when he was 14 years old pit-boy. He has had tempting offers to transfer his services to other organisations, but "once a Rhondda man, always a Rhondda bandman," he says loyally.

There are two schoolboy players in the present band. One of them, Harry Nash, aged 15, of Treorchy has been awarded a Royal Academy of Music scholarship as a half-penny instrumentalist of the year. He plays a trombone in band contest, but is an all-round musician.

Hope For State Industry

There is new hope for the languishing state industry of North Wales. Dr. Hibberd of Glasgow University, leading British expert on mining and quarrying, is to survey the problems of the Welsh quarries on behalf of the Government. He will begin his probe next month.

His chief task will be to ascertain the mechanical and electrical power needs of the industry, and where necessary to devise new types of equipment to restore production in out-of-date quarries. Dr. Hibberd will also consult quarry owners and representatives of the workers to explore possibilities of co-operative action to revive the smaller quarries closed down or only working intermittently since the war.

Ministry of Works officials recommend a scheme which has been successfully applied in Scotland to re-open derelict quarries. The idea is that Welsh firms should combine to form a Merget Company, owners putting up some capital which can be augmented by the Government for reconstruction purposes. There is likely to be a big demand for roofing slates for many years, and Welsh quarries could recapture their lost trade if they were equipped with modern machinery and adopted the latest production methods.

Only half the prewar labour force is now engaged in the industry. Ex-quarry workers and new recruits are not prepared to work in the industry because they say they can get better pay and working conditions in other jobs. There is also fear of contracting chest or lung trouble from working in dusty conditions. Medical experts are now making scientific researches into quarry dust problems and dust-suppression measures similar to those successfully applied in coal-mines are likely to be introduced shortly. A new deal is promised for the industry and traditional slate-producing districts like Blaenau Ffestiniog and Nantlle can take new heart.

Harp Music

A harp-traditional musical instrument of Wales—is a difficult thing to acquire now, either new or second-hand. The price of harps has rocketed like the price of houses, and harpstrings are even dearer than the instruments. There is not a single craftsman making harps in Wales. In fact only one harp-maker survives in the whole of Britain—Mr. George Morley of London.

All the new harps used in Wales were made in France, and these are pedal harps, not the old triplicate harps which were the original Welsh type. Yet harp music is still popular in Wales, not only at the Eisteddfod and other big festivals but also at village and family gatherings.

There are probably over 100 expert young harpists performing regularly in public, and in the rural counties of Merioneth and Caernarvon there are harp choirs—teams of players who can keep a concert going on their own. The number of young students learning to play is also increasing—but, here's the rub, they have to borrow a harp before they can aspire to be public performers.

Welsh musicians and industrialists have been discussing the possibilities of making harps in Wales—creating a new industry out of an old tradition. But the craftsman would have to be trained first—in London, or Paris.

Cardiff Promoted

Cardiff City have won promotion to the Second Division, with a good margin of points to spare and an unassailable goal average at the end of the season. The closest challengers, Queen's Park Rangers, had to admit that the Welsh side was the most consistent in the trade.

Cardiff's defensive record of only 28 goals conceded in 40 matches was the season's best in all divisions. The club's success is all the more noteworthy because all the players except two are local products.

There is every prospect of the team, which no doubt will be strengthened by one or two signings of seasoned players, doing well in the higher grade next season. "Back to the First Division in record time" is the motto at Ninian Park now.



U.S. Spring Sowing Disrupted

A cold spring has seriously hampered the sowing of such vital grains as corn, oats and barley, Washington officials reported last week, and has delayed the planting of soybeans, an important source of scarce food fats.

The result, they contend, is to emphasise President Truman's request that Congress continue for another year the government's authority to control the export of scarce foods, at present scheduled to expire on June 30.

Otherwise, the officials say, the United States might see its supplies raised by foreign buyers, causing new shortages and higher prices.

Under existing controls, the Agriculture Department allocates supplies of scarce foods among the foreign areas. The latter can ship out of the United States no more than is allocated to them. The allocation plan reserves for the U.S. supplies deemed by the Department to be adequate. But should Congress fail to extend this authority to control export of foreign countries would cease to buy until they wanted—within the limits of their ability to pay for it, and the availability of transportation.

Feed for Livestock

Unrestricted foreign buying would be concentrated largely on grain, particularly wheat and corn. With this year's small crop of cereals expected to continue to fall short of demands, overseas buying could deplete the supplies of wheat for American consumption. Furthermore, America's livestock production programme could be disrupted.

Many European countries are anxious to expand their production of livestock but are hampered by shortages of feed grains.

The prospect would be less unfavourable if the United States were assured of large crops of corn, soybeans, oats and other grains from which livestock feeds are obtained.

Farmers may eventually get large acreages of corn and soybeans planted but there is the danger that an early frost will damage these crops before they mature.

The officials explain that should the harvests turn out favourably, the United States could still help the shortage areas with feeds through the allocations system.—Associated Press.

MEETING OF BRITISH ASSOCIATION

The annual meetings of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, which were interrupted by the war, will be resumed with the first full meeting since 1939 which is to be held in Dundee, Scotland, from August 27 to September 3.

Keynote of this first postwar session will be "Swords into Ploughshares, or Science in War and Peace." This will emphasise the positive contribution of science to human progress.

The programme of addresses, lectures and papers will include non-technical communications reviewing the achievements of science in war and its possibilities in peace, and there will also be discussion on a wide range of general and special subjects of topical interest and importance to scientists and laymen alike.

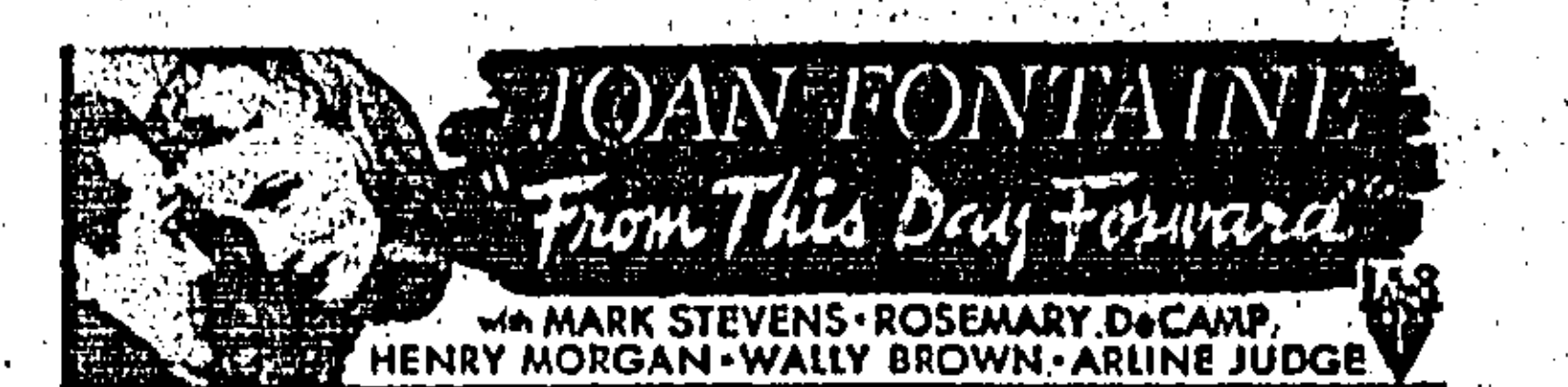
Typical subjects to be covered and illustrating the wide variety of scientific study within the scope of the British Association are: "Society and Health," "Insecticides," "Folk Lore," "Penicillin and Other Antibiotics," "Experimental Zoology," "Primitive Religion," "Population Problems," "The Mechanisation of Collieries," and "Aviation Physiology."

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These Boys Fly To School

In the muddy heart of Cobb County, Georgia, are two youngsters who are never late to school regardless of the condition of rutted, deep-mudded roads. They are Gordon

Lunsford, Jr. nine, and his brother Richard, six. They fly to school. Every morning, their mother, Mrs. Sarah Lunsford, bundles them into the family's small yellow plane and ferries them over the ridge to school, five miles away. Each afternoon, she lets them down on the field beside the school yard and picks up her passengers for the flight home.

